

# WILSON CALLS MILITIA TO PATROL MEXICAN LINE

## ARMS SHIP CYMRIC SINKS; TORPEDOING MAY OPEN NEW ISSUE

Status of White Star Vessel in Question.  
Carried No Passengers—Crew Lands in  
Ireland—President Wilson's Position  
Believed Acceptable to Berlin.

Torpedoed by a German submarine, the White Star liner Cymric, carrying arms and munitions from New York to Liverpool, sank off the Irish coast early this morning.

Cablegrams from Consul Frost at Queenstown assert that the vessel was in the admiralty service. At the same time officials of the White Star line in New York deny that the vessel was in government service although she had been withdrawn from passenger service.

Revival of the armed liner issue and renewal of the doubt that Berlin is keeping the pledge to warn, visit, and search merchantmen who do resist and attempt to flee is forecast in this conflict as to the Cymric's status.

In the meantime President Wilson's note has gone forward to Berlin, declaring in clear terms America's position on the issues with Germany.

From sources close to the German embassy, it is indicated that Berlin is prepared to accept that position without further question.

### Wilson Expects Full Acceptance On Part of Berlin

That Germany will find the United States position acceptable in the form laid down by President Wilson in his note made public today, is strongly indicated by German officials here. One person close to the German embassy admitted his opinion that the attitude of this country is reasonable.

"As long as the United States doesn't say she will not seek to bring England into line with international law, Germany can be satisfied," he said.

In the view of American officials, if Germany is unwilling to abide by international law in her submarine warfare, except in return for successful United States negotiations with Great Britain, she must say so definitely.

By accepting the President's note, with its clear declaration that England

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### Fay Is Sentenced For German Plots

Must Serve Eight Years in Atlanta Penitentiary. Accomplishes Get Shorter Terms.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The first prison sentences imposed upon principals in German plots were pronounced by Federal Judge Howe at noon today when he sentenced Lieut. Robert Fay to eight years in the Atlanta penitentiary. Paul Daeché to two years, and Walter Scholz four years for conspiracy to blow up ships carrying munitions.

In sentencing the men, Judge Howe said: "Men such as you, who have no respect for human life, should know that the laws of this country are not suspended, even though there is a war in Europe."

The men were found guilty by a jury which returned a verdict last night after being out for one and a half hours. It was reported Fay was found guilty on the first ballot, Scholz on the second, and Daeché on the sixth. Almost half the jurors held out for "not guilty" for Daeché until agreement was reached that leniency be recommended.

Each defendant was sentenced on two counts, but the sentences will be served concurrently. Fay, sentenced to two years and eight, will serve eight; Scholz to four years and four will serve four, and Daeché to two and two will serve two.

### Undertakers Go On Strike.

LONDON, May 9.—Dispatches from Liverpool state that the dead have not been buried since Saturday on account of a strike of the undertakers.

### Cymric Survivors Safe at Bantry; 5 Killed by Torpedo

LONDON, May 9.—The White Star liner Cymric, torpedoed yesterday afternoon by a German submarine, sank at 2 o'clock this morning while attempting to make her way into an Irish port.

Most of the 107 officers and crew were saved.

An earlier message said that several vessels were proceeding to the Cymric's assistance, and it is assumed that the rescue steamer took off the crew.

The Dutch steamer Grotto sent the following wireless message via the Valentia, Ireland, station:

"Cymric sank 3 this morning. All hands safe."

In Admiralty Service.

The Cymric was in the admiralty service as a carrier of arms and ammunition from New York to Liverpool, she sailed from New York on April 29, and was due in Liverpool yesterday.

The White Star office believes that no Americans were among the crew of 110 carried by the Cymric, though one or two American sailors may have been taken on at New York.

The liner was capable of only about fifteen knots an hour, and with her heavy war munitions cargo would have been easy prey to one of the new and speedy German submarines. For the

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### Banker's Daughter Elopes With Clerk

Friends of Miss Virginia Speare Poole, daughter of John Poole, president of the Federal National Bank, were surprised today when they learned of her wedding to Ralph Waldo Hunt, a clerk in her father's institution.

The wedding was solemnized in Rockville last Friday, though friends of the young couple did not learn of it until today.

The families of both admitted today they had been informed of the elopement, but neither Mr. Poole nor relatives of the bridegroom would discuss the romance.

The clerk at Rockville court house said the bride's age was given as eighteen, and the bridegroom's as twenty-one.

Miss Poole is a tall, decided brunette and is popular in the younger social set of Washington.

She lives with her parents at 2811 Woodley road. The bridegroom lives at 2813 Garfield street northwest, and it is said to have been a "just around the corner romance."

He was employed as a clerk by the American Security and Trust Company for three years, and resigned his position there a month ago to go to the Federal National.

## THE RIGGS JURY

James W. Martin, 720 Maryland avenue northeast, builder.  
John Heitmuller, 1347 Shepherd street northwest, produce dealer.  
Herman W. Walther, 4903 Forty-first street, Tenleytown, contractor.  
Napoleon B. Scott, 2047 Nichols avenue southeast, cigar dealer.  
Edgar H. Pullman, 420 Ninth street northwest, photographic supply dealer.  
Charles R. Schutt, 3120 M street northwest, house furnishings.  
William J. Brewer, 606 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, printer.  
Ottmar Sonneman, 2903 Grant road, expressman.  
Raymond J. Cooley, department store floorwalker.  
Joseph H. Kendrick, 817 Fourth street northwest, market employe.  
D. Lawrence Engle, insurance agent.  
John Keys, 3701 New Hampshire avenue northwest, grocer.

## HILL 304 ATTACK REPULSED; FRENCH RETAIN POSITIONS

Germans Also Driven From  
Thiancourt Trenches on East  
Bank of Meuse.

PARIS, May 9.—A violent German attack on Hill 304, at 3 o'clock this morning, was completely repulsed, the war office announced.

On the east bank of the Meuse, north-east of Verdun, French counter-attacks during the night in the region north-west of Thiaumont, threw the Germans from the few points in the French first line trenches they still held, as the result of Sunday's heavy attack against the French front.

The German attack on Hill 304 followed a night of heavy bombardment. The Germans played shells upon the French defensive positions on the hill until nearly dawn. French curtain fire brought the charge to an immediate halt.

On the east bank of the Meuse the Germans made no attempt at a vigorous offensive, contenting themselves with bombarding violently the Douaumont-Vaux front. The raid in which the French recaptured lost ground was the only important infantry action on this side of the river.

French troops carried a German post near Boland, in the Argonne last night, killing all the occupants.

## Haucourt Trenches Are Captured By Germans

BERLIN, May 9.—German troops have stormed and captured several French trenches south of Haucourt in the region of Hill 304, the war office announced.

All French attempts to recapture German positions on Hill 304 have been repulsed.

On the northeast front of Verdun, French attacks in the region of Thiaumont also failed.

Prisoners taken by the Germans on that sector now number 261. The Germans also took nine machine guns.

## Lake Steamer Sinks, 20 Believed Lost

The Kirby Goes to Bottom of  
Eagle Harbor in  
Gale.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., May 9.—Twenty members of the crew of the steamer Kirby are believed to have perished in the sinking of that vessel last night after a desperate twelve-hour fight against a sixty-mile gale sweeping Lake Superior. The Kirby went to the bottom off Eagle harbor.

Details of the disaster were brought to the 300 today by the steamer Joseph Block. The Block rescued one of the survivors, a man named Joseph Block, who had been picked up by the steamer taken to shelter behind Keweenaw Point.

## Motorman Attacked Falls From His Car

Norman E. Butler, twenty-five, of 1213 Bladenburg road, a motorman on the H street car line, is at Casualty Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain. The police are looking for a colored man believed by them to have assaulted Butler about 11:40 last night.

The police say the motorman and the negro became involved in an altercation on the car while near Ninth and H streets northeast. The man struck Butler, who fell from the front platform of the car, striking his head.

Physicians at the hospital said today that Butler is doing well and that he will probably recover.

## LASKEY OPENS FOR U. S. AS RIGGS JURY PANEL IS COMPLETE

Court Decides to Keep Jury  
Locked Up Throughout Trial  
of Perjury Case.

That the prosecution in the perjury trial of the Riggs bankers, Charles C. Glover, president; William J. Flather, vice president; and Henry H. Flather, former cashier, will attempt to prove that the defendants had a "strong motive" for the offense charged against them, was one of the outstanding declarations of District Attorney Laskey's opening statement to the jury in criminal division No. 1, of the District Supreme Court, today.

The district attorney consumed a little less than an hour in addressing the jury, beginning shortly after 11 o'clock. The jury was completed from the new panel of veniremen within an hour after court opened.

John B. Stanchfield of counsel for the defense, announced just prior to the noon recess that he would make the opening statement for the defense when the court reconvenes.

## Jury Locked Up.

Three deputy United States marshals were assigned to take charge of the jury, which was locked up during recess.

The court has decided that the jury is to be locked up throughout the trial of the case.

This is the first time in the trial of such a case that the jury has been locked up in the District Supreme Court since 1901.

## Americans Escape; Captors Prisoners

Seven Taken at Glenn Springs  
Bring Back Guards to This  
Side of Border.

MARATHON, Tex., May 9.—Seven Americans captured by the Glenn Springs raiders have overpowered their guards and escaped to the American side of the border, bringing three Mexican guards with them as captives, according to dispatches here today.

## Five British Officers Surrendered to Turks

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 9.—Besides General Townshend, British command, the following British generals and colonels surrendered to the Turks at Kut-el-Amara, the war office announced:

General Pevna, commander of the Sixth Infantry division; Generals Dabmack, Hamilton, and Colonel Evans, "Puls Galloway on probation, Seventh, and Eighteenth brigades, respectively, and General Smith, commander of artillery.

## London Press Commends Position of President

LONDON, May 9.—"Uncompromising, stern, and emphatic" was the characterization of President Wilson's note of acceptance of Germany's reply, by the Globe, formerly one of the President's harsh critics, this afternoon.

"Puls Galloway on probation, Seventh, and Eighteenth brigades, respectively, and General Smith, commander of artillery.

"Only time will show how the Kaiser interprets this happy abandonment," said the Westminster Gazette.

## CITIZEN SOLDIERS OF THREE STATES NOW MOBILIZING TO GUARD BORDER

Cabinet Positively Refuses to Accede to Demands of  
Obregon That Troops Be Withdrawn—More  
Regular Infantrymen Rushed to Line.

President Wilson today called out the National Guard of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona for service on the Mexico border. These troops are now mobilizing.

In addition to this action, the War Department ordered three more regiments and two more battalions of regular army infantry to the border.

These steps, resulting in an increase of 8,800 troops in the border forces, were the direct outcome of the Mexican raids on the American border towns of Glenn Springs and Boquillas, in which six Americans were killed, two wounded and four captured.

The second American punitive expedition, under command of Major Langhorne, crossed the Mexican boundary today at Glenn Springs in pursuit of the raiders.

Grave pessimism exists in official circles over the outlook. Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott reported to the War Department today that his conferences with General Obregon, Carranza's minister of war, having reached a deadlock, are probably at an end.

Obregon has demanded of General Scott that a time limit be set at once on the stay of the American troops in Mexico.

President Wilson and his Cabinet at today's meeting positively refuse to accede to the demand of Obregon.

Scott is understood to have advised the department to prepare for trouble.

Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador-designate, called at the State Department just before the Cabinet meeting and had a long conference with Secretary Lansing.

Arredondo charged that the raids on Glenn Springs and Boquillas were organized under the auspices of American aid, and that the active organizer was Antonio I. Villareal, Mexico's I. W. W. agitator, who was recently released on bail at San Antonio, Tex.

The Mexican ambassador warned Secretary Lansing of raids which Villareal has planned against two other American border towns. Mr. Lansing reported this to Secretary of War Baker, and General Funston has been put on his guard.

## ARREDONDO WARNS OF PLANS FOR RAIDS

Carranza's Ambassador-Designate Tells Lansing of Two  
More Towns Selected.

Advance information of the plans of Mexican bandits to raid two more border towns, was given to Secretary of State Lansing today by Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador-designate to Washington.

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## REFUSE AGREEMENT TO SET TIME LIMIT

Cabinet Members Reject Obregon Proposal as to American  
Troops.

General Obregon has demanded that a time limit be set upon the stay of American troops in Mexico.

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## ORDERS TO MILITIA PUT IN OPERATION

Border Reports Announce Activity  
Among State Soldiers.  
Further Call Possible.

Formal announcement of the President's action in calling out the militia of three States and adding to the regular army quota on the border was made at the War Department at 10 o'clock this morning by Secretary Baker. He issued the following statement:

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